

REMARKS

I. Introduction

In response to the Office Action dated September 17, 2001, claims 1 and 12 have been amended. Claims 1-34 remain in the application. Re-examination and re-consideration of the application, as amended, is requested.

In addition to the above, there is some confusion regarding the history for this case. On March 22, 2001, a final Office Action was issued. In response, a petition to remove the finality was filed on May 21, 2001. Additionally, an amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 was filed on May 22, 2001 (copy enclosed). A return postcard for this response was stamped by the PTO on May 29, 2001 (copy enclosed). Several interviews with the Examiner and the Supervisor were conducted and a draft copy of an interview summary withdrawing the finality of the March 22, 2001 office was received on August 22, 2001 (copy enclosed).

The current pending Office Action mailed on September 17, 2001 was then received. This September 17, 2001 rejection has some additional rejections beyond those of the March 22, 2001 Office Action and fails to indicate that the finality of the prior rejection was withdrawn. However, based on the prior interviews and an additional interview held with the Examiner on December 12, 2001, it was learned that the finality had been removed and the response filed on May 22, 2001 had not been placed into the file wrapper and was not considered.

In view of this history, copies of the prior response filed, return postcard, and interview summary are enclosed. Applicants request entry of the prior amendments and consideration of the arguments and response submitted therewith.

II. Examiner Interview

Reference is hereby made to numerous telephone interviews between Applicants' attorney Jason S. Feldmar, Examiner Bashore and Examiner Herndon in connection with the present patent application. The Applicants appreciate the time and consideration given during the various interviews over the course of prosecution of the application.

Based on interviews conducted on June 20, 2001, July 11, 2001, a message on August 21, 2001, and an interview of August 22, 2001, the Examiners agreed to remove the finality of the March 22, 2001 Office Action.

On December 12, 2001, an additional interview was conducted between Jason S. Feldmar and Examiner Bashore. The prior response filed on May 22, 2001 was discussed in view of the current rejection. The PTO has no record of the May 22, 2001 response. Accordingly, it was agreed that a copy of the response should be submitted with the current response.

VIII. Non Art Rejection

In the pending Office Action, claims 2, 13, and 24 were objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicants traverse this rejection. The independent claims indicate that the element was transferred from a form to an HTML page. However, the dependent claims 2, 13, and 24 provide a timing element in that the "information is generated when the element is transferred from the form to the HTML page associated with the HTML file." In other words, the dependent claims describe when the information is generated (i.e., when the element is transferred from the form to the HTML page) and extend beyond the independent claims that provide that the element was transferred. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the dependent claims provide a further limitation of the independent claims and that the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 2, 12, and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regards as the invention. Applicants have amended claims 1 and 12 to further clarify that the element was transferred from a form to an HTML page. Accordingly, the Applicants submit that this rejection is now moot.

III. Office Action Prior Art Rejections

In paragraphs (8)-(9), the Office Action rejected claims 1-8, 11-19, 22-30, and 33-34 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Foley et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,706,502 in view of Arora et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,911,145 (Arora), and further in view of Francis et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,182,092 (Francis). In paragraph (10), the Office Action rejected claims 9-10, 20-21, and 31-32 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Foley, Arora and Francis as applied to claims 1, 12, and 23, and further in view of Lisle et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,069,630 (Lisle). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Applicants traverse these rejections. The rationale for such a traversal is indicated in the enclosed copy of the prior response filed on May 22, 2001. Accordingly, Applicants submit that these rejections were overcome by the prior after final amendment submitted on May 22, 2001.

IV. Conclusion

It is requested that the prior amendment filed on May 22, 2001 should be entered and the response considered. Further, Applicants request entry of this amendment and consideration of this response.

In view of the above, Applicants submit that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

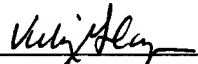
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APPENDIX: VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

1. (THREE TIMES AMENDED) A method of displaying a relationship between an HTML file and an element from a form that is in [the] an HTML [file] page, comprising:

reading information from a project file, the information comprising a relationship between an element that has been transferred from a form to an HTML page and the HTML file associated with the HTML page;

processing the information to map the element from the form to the HTML file; and

displaying the mapping on a graphical user interface that indicates the relationship between the element, the form, and the HTML file.

12. (THREE TIMES AMENDED) A apparatus for displaying a relationship between an HTML file and an element from a form that is in [the] an HTML [file] page, comprising:

means for reading information from a project file, the information comprising a relationship between an element that has been transferred from a form to an HTML page and the HTML file associated with the HTML page;

means for processing the information to map the element from the form to the HTML file;
and

a display for presenting the mapping to a user on a graphical user interface that indicates the relationship between the element, the form, and the HTML file.